PLEA FOR BELGIAN SLAVES IN GERMANY

gium Addresses the Governor General.

Another official document bearing provide for them, eight of the fourteen upon the atrocious enslavement of Belgian workers in the service of German opportunities are still to be filled. Two his statement of the situation officially occupants of their country was made public last night by the committee on round figures, will be required to com- the Senate committee investigating the

plete the list

The appeal of the "opportunities" is

and interests all ages. Nicholas and Louisa, just children of the class that

must earn money by hard work,

must carn money by hard work, brought to the office of the Associated Charities \$8 for Opportunity No. 1. They had earned the money by gathering chestnuts and selling them and by saving their own pennies instead of spending them for candy and movies. And a former senator of the United States, now president of a bank, sent his check for a sum necessary to close Opportunity No. 4. By a clerical error the check was credited to W. B. S., when the initials should have been N. B. S.—Nathan Bay Scott.

Yesterday two who already had contributed to the opportunities sent additional checks, one for \$600 to close opportunity No. 12, and the other for \$250 to close No. 7. Each gave permission to use any balance not required for these opportunities in helping others not yet closed.

Nearly two-thirds of the entire sum needed, \$7.223, has been contributed Just a little extra thoughtfulness and human sympathy will bring the remaining one-third by Christmas morning.

Opportunity No. 4 closed; oversub-scribed.

elle."
Amount asked for, \$260. Previously acknowledged, \$105.30; cash, \$5; C. P. S., \$1; T. H. (Star), 50 cents; Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 1 (Star), \$2; total, \$113.80; still needed, \$146.20.

The document, from the syndicate commission of Belgium, is addressed to Baron von Bissing, governor general of Belgium. It bears the date of November 14, 1916. The letter, in part, difference in the degree of need of any was announced he would be heard yester

Excellency: The secretaries and rep resentatives of the socialistic and independent labor unions of Belgium have with a painful disappointment, taken were good enough to make to their petition of October 30 concerning the deportation of laborers to Germany, and it is in the name of the working classes as a united whole that we are making a final effort to prevent the consummation of an act, without precedent, directed against its liberty, its sentiments and its dignity.

Manifested Their Intention.

You say that many industrial works have been closed on account of the lack of raw materials brought about by the isolation caused by the enemy. Permit us, Excellency, to remind you that the allied powers manifested very clearly their intention to permit the importation into Belgium of raw materials required by our industries, provided with a very natural provision, that no requisitions should be made except those mentioned in article 52 of The Hague convention—that is to of The Hague convention—that is to say, those necessary to the "occupying army," and that an international comsion, the commission for relief in gium, should have the right to ervise the destination of the manu-

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Instead of agreeing to such a proal, we have seen the occupying horities systematically remove the enhinery, implements, machines of all ds, the engines and raw materials, tals, leather and wool, limit producin, aggrevate continually the difficulties transactions. When communes or mmittees have desired to employ worken without employment on works of and broken. In a word, as fast as the most tireless efforts were strained to employ as many hands as possible, other

Caused by Labor's Hostility.

caused by the laborers' hostility to work. The whole past of our working class protests against this accusation with every bit of energy that still remains in them. Where is there to be found in the whole world a working class which has made of such a small country such a great industrial and commercial power?

What is true, however, is that the Belgian workmen, conforming to the same article fifty-two of The Hague convention which only admits requisitions of labor "for the needs of the army of occupation and in case these requisitions do not imply an obligation to take part in the war against their country," have refused the most tempting offers, not wishing to build trenches nor to repair forts nor to work in factories which manufacture war materials. This was their right

right to receive assistance have been established might perhaps think that these menaces were, to say the least, useless. But, as you yourself say, these decrees declare in their article two that every motive of refusal to work will be considered valid if it is admitted by international law.

Appear Before Tribunals.

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authorities reserved the right to cause these recalcitrants to appear before Belgian tribunals, and later before German military tribunals. It is therefore certain that the unemployed have the right to refuse to work for any motive approved by international law. When summoned before the tribunal they have the right to employ counsel in their defense and to state clearly their reasons for refusal. One might, of course, say that it is not a question of obliging the workmen to participate in military enterprise; but it is only too evident that every Belgian deported to Germany will take the place there of a man who tomorrow will go to reinforce the ranks of the enemy. We should like to know, excellency, whether these bribunals carry on their functions.

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The continued unemployment may depreciate the physical and moral status of the workmen. We, who know then, have more confidence in them. We have seen them suffer in them. We have seen them suffer with a stoicist, which exists only in with a stoicist, which exists only in which a stoicist, which exists only in which are splendid idea "ome from them of organizing throughout the entire country a vast chain of educational work for the unemployed in central country as wast chain of educational work for the unemployed in continued work of the store of their technical knowledge and to the continued the store of the continued the store of the store of

dermany's profit, and for the success of its arms.

Distressing scenes occur everywhere, The unhappy ones gathered together in the public squares are rapidly divided into gangs. They had been directed to bring a small amount of baggage; they are taken at once to the railway station and loaded in cattle cars. They are not allowed to say good-bye to their families. No opportunity is given to them to put their affairs in order, even the most pressing ones. They do not know where they are koing, nor for what work, nor for how long. Taken way at the beginning of the winter, after two years of privations, having no further resources and no means to provide themselves with warm clothing or with other indisnesses.

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EIGHT OF YULETIDE DEFERS HEARING APPEALS ARE OPEN OF FOOD DIRECTOR

Syndicate Commission of Bel- Provision Made for Six Cases Sugar Inquiry Committee Also Among Fourteen of Char-Declines to Put Mr. Hoover's Statement in Record. ity Body's Opportunities.

LABOR TOPIC OF PETITION TWO DAYS STILL REMAIN BEET GROWERS GIVE VIEWS

With two days remaining in which to Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator were closed yesterday and \$2,500, in heard before the Christmas holidays by sugar and coal shortage, also declining to Opportunities Nos. 4, 7, 10, 12, 13 and put his written statement in the record. 14 have been fully subscribed. The Mr. Hoover, it was announced by Sen eight others are just as worthy as the ator Reed, chairman of the committee ones that have been closed; there is no was to be heard on Friday, and later it

> Mr. Hoover transmitted to the Mr. Hoover transmitted to the committee a statement in writing, setting forth the food administration's view of the sugar situation. By a formal vote the committee refused to insert the statement in the record. Senator Reed said he did not see the necessity of including it in the record.

was decided Mr. Hoover would be heard

Judge Lindley's Statement.

Judge C. H. Lindley, head of the lega the following statement in regard to the "On the eve of the sugar investiga-tion the chairman, Senator Reed, wrote to Mr. Hoover a letter wherein he ex-tended an invitation to him to place in possession of the committee any infor-mation which might throw light on the

the standpoint of the food administra-tion, I, as counsel for the administra-tion, on several occasions requested that Mr. Hoover be permitted to make his statement. I was advised through the chairman that the committee would be glad to hear from any member of the food administration, either orally or in writing, either publicly or pri-vately, but at some later date.

C. C. Carlin for his efforts in locating the shipbuilding concern here, where twelve steel ships are to be constructed. The shipyard will, of course, be a per-manent affair, and after the war is over the shipbuilding business at this plant will be continued by the company. A total of 4,000 men are to be employed. opportunity No. 6: Battling Against Chronic III Health and Poverty—Almost constant ill-health has made the fight against poverty doubly hard for this widowed mother. Her five children was devotion itself. The oldest child, a girl of sixteen, never strong, has spent much time in the hospital. Jack, an ambitious lad of fifteen, is his mother's right-hand man.

Amount asked for, \$832. Previously acknowledged, \$296.89; M. E. S., \$2; F. P. S. and H. M., \$7; T. H. (Star), 50 cents; Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 1 (Star), \$1; M. A. (Star), \$2; cash, 50 cents; L. C. Farren (Star), \$5; A. P. S., \$1; C. A. R., \$1; total, \$316.80; still needed, \$515.20.

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Opportunity No. 7: A Quiver Full of Children.—Ten children in one family—hard to believe these days! The industrious father, a Greek, died a year ago, leaving his widow with ten children unass howeledged, \$300.95; Mrs. B. H. B., \$250; F. S. B. (Star), \$5; cash, \$7; L. C. Wilfong, \$10; Brother Tom, \$5; cash, \$7; L. C. F., \$45; total, \$624.05. Closed.

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REGISTRANT COULDN'T REMEMBER NAME OF HIS YOUNGEST CHILD, HE SAYS

Dependency questions are causing registrants the greatest out the questionnaires which will have been put into the hands of 32,000 registered men of the District of Columbia by January 10.

A registered man sought the aid of a member of the legal advisory board last week in filling out his

"Give the name, relationship, address and age of each person mainly dependent on your labor for support," was the question which bothered this man.

The lawyer asked the wife's name and the other data required, and then asked concerning the children.

All went well until the registrant got to the youngest child.

"What is the little girl's name?" asked the lawyer, pen poised in air.

"Er, er—" hesitated the man." What is the child's name?" "I've forgotten her name. I'll have to go home and ask my wife."

Special Correspondence of The Star.

ROCKVILLE, Md., December 22.—Imbibling too freely of Christmas "cheer," it is charged by the police, John Braxton, colored, and his wife, Josephine Braxton, went on a rampage in Galthersburg, this county, last evening. The two are now in the Rockville jail with serious charges against them, and Deputy Sheriffs Melvin Etchison and Artems When Deputy Sheriff Etchison attempted to place Braxton under arrest on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon, the negro, it is claimed, discharged his revolver at the officer. The latter, however arrested him but was made of the result of the submarine sank, how first, the stern lifting high out of the water, so that the propellers could be seen revolving. The steamer was leaking and temporary repairs were made by the crew."

Mistook Sinking Roat for U. Roat.

Decision by Appeals Court.

The Maryland court of appeals has handed down a decision reversing a decision of the circuit court for this county in refusing to grant a temporary injunction restraining the Kensington Electric Railway Company from collecting increased fares on its line from Kensington to Chevy Chase lake. The decision restores the former fare of 5 cents between the points mentioned until a suit of the public service commission of Maryland against the company, which is designed to force the company to comply with an order of the commission regarding fares to be charged, is finally decided by the courts.

Unable to resist temptation to enjoy

William Roach of Delphi has been appointed secretary of state of Indiana by Gov. Goodrich to succeed Capt. Ed Jackson, who resigned to accept a commission in the National Army.

Rev. J. W. Duffey, pastor of the Methodist Church, officiated at the marriage here yesterday afternoon of Miss Delia Elizabeth Brown, eighteen years old, and Bernie William Bellomy, aged twenty-one, of Richmond and Charlottesville, respectively. The ceremony took place at the home of the minitiate.

James B. Ashwell, representative in Congress of the eighth Louisiana district, was born in Jackson parish, Louisiana, forty-eight years ago today, Tigers in 1918.

ON MERCHANT SHIPS

One Incident Is Recorded Where German U-Boat Met

Sudden Destruction.

BY RALPH D. PAINE. really sinking any German submarines? Here is the account of an action fought Armour, head of Armour & Co., tonight suddenly removed from the active list formation sought by the Federal Trade advisable to omit the name of the chief packers, asserting that the commis-

boatswain's mate who commanded the gun crewa. In his official report he states:

"Weather hazy. Saw a submarine firing on a topsail schooner, which shortly after blew up. Changed course to bring the submarine on our starboard beam about 5,000 yards distant and lost sight of her in haze. Continued on this course for two hours and then resumed our original course. At 2:55 p.m. the submarine appeared out of the haze at 2.500 yards on our starboard beam. She immediately opened fire. We changed course to bring her three points on the starboard quarter and returned the fire. "The engagement lasted thirty-five minutes, during which time the submarine fired about forty shots, scoring one hit under our port counter a foot from the wasterned course clock. We fired twenty was anything that we have endeavored was anything that we have endeavored.

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The local draft board mailed \$40 questionnaires to Montgomery county registrants from December 15 until the close of business this evening, leaving 1,640 yet to be sent out. Of those mailed 250 have been returned to the board filled out, and of these fully 90 per cent were made out with the assistance of the lawyers who are in daily session in the circuit court room here from 10 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. The lawyers expect a big rush from now on, and some doubt is felt as to their abilit to complete the work imposed upon them within the time specified.

Decision by Appeals Court.

ECHO OF COBB-HERZOG FIGHT. Famous Scrap Caused Giants to

took place at the home of the minister.

The couple admitted being runaways. They said their marriage would be a surprise to relatives and friends back home. They left for Washington immediately after the ceremony.

Sheriff William L. Aud has appointed John B. Thompson of Clarksburg district a deputy sheriff. He had taken the oath before the clerk of the circuit court here.

Drop Tigers in Exhibitions.

DETROIT, December 22.—The failure of the Detroit Americans to share the spring training trip with the New York National club next year is said to be due to the open break between Ty Cobb and Charles Herzog in a Dallas hotel last spring, at which time the Detroit outfielder and the Giant infielder Drop Tigers in Exhibitions.

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PACKERS' PROFITS;

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"PRODUCERS PAY"

SPEED BIG AID TO LINERS Armour Statement Denies Efforts to Cover Up Any

Facts Government Sought Cablegram to The Sunday Star and New York World. Copyright, 1917. By the Associated Press. CHICAGO, December 22.—J. Ogder boatswain's mate who commanded the sion's examiners had been given full

"In 1910, Mr. F. H. Prince of Boston syndicates during the past twenty-five years, and as any investor in the country would do, having belief in Chicago as a livestock center and the natural increment in value that would accrue with its development. I acted in conjunction with no other packer, and such action can never be construed in any way as anything which might or can affect the cost of Armour & Co. products any more than the investments I hold in banks, railroads, or other stockyard

"Cannot Control Company."

direction, subsequently resulted in the formation of the Chicago Stockyards Company, in which I acquired a one fifth stock interest, and promptly transferred the same to Armour & Co. No other packer ever acquired, or had, or now has, any stock in the Chicago Stockyards Company. As should be judged from the relative size of that one-fifth interest, Armour & Co. have not, and cannot control the company, have had no voice in its management, in nor have been consulted in directing its policy.

"It seems to me highly inconceivable that any one can be led to believe seriously that my individual action as an investor was a preconceived attempt to find a way to cover up or conceal alleged illegitimate profit for Armour & Co., in any wise affecting the cost of our product, our company doing an annual business of over \$500,000,000, when careful reading of press reports of the testimony at Washington discloses that all we have ever received from our investment was \$38,800 quarterly in dividends.

Charges for Services.

"For the information of the public, let me add that a stockyards company is not engaged in the purchase or staughter of live stock, but simply in operating a public market place, where buyer and seller may meet and trans-

DEMANDS ENTENTE | R. C. STARS MARK STATE ITS WAR AIMS TRINITY OF SERVICE

520 shares, par value \$1,552,000, of the corporation, which is capitalized at \$8.- Albert Thomas Declares All Complete Trio of Badges In-Peoples Should Dispose of dicating Aid to Nation Their Own Affairs.

ALLIES MISSED A CHANCE DRIVE ENDS TOMORROW

"Make the trio of service badges in PARIS. December 22.—Albert Thomas, flag that represents men in the service former minister of armament, leader and to the food administration pledge of the French socialist party, in a long card the Red Cross service flag, which

in War Crisis.

of the French socialist party, in a long article published in today's Information, asks the entente to give a full definition of its war aims, and points out that many speeches have been made, but no action has been taken by the governments to allow the peoples to dispose themselves. The Thomas article says, in part:

"Several times in this paper, for Alsace-Lorraine and for Armenia, I have tried to define, or, rather, recall, what ought to be the policy of France and the entente. Their policy can only be guided by one idea, by one incontestable principle, and that is the right which peoples, great or small, have to dispose of their own affairs. It is the principle proclaimed by the French revolution as a corollary of the rights of man. It is the principle taken up by republicans in 1843, at a time when national revenditations could be heard all over Europe in revolution. It is one taken up and magnificently affirmed in his different messages by the President of the United States.

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"There is no other principle which allows the establishment of a certain law the combability of right among nations. But how is it that this idea, which at other times agitated Europe and which so often seduced or stimulated French opinion, is today simply the object of vain discourses instead of being, in these decisive hours for the world, a guide to action for our governors and diplomats, and a reason for hope, holding out and acting by our democratic masses?

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To have the country of the war where we now are the same problem will confront all the allies. Germany, it appears, is going to proclaim peace proposals. It is the plan of the Red of the country of the propagands in the content in the propagands.

To these propositions, or propagands, the entente has only one answer to make. That is to proclaim clearly and in detail all its war aims revised, or and such the holp of the rivestment when the country of the c

Red Cross Reports Show Goal of 10,000,000 in Sight

bers mark, many chapters doubling their quota. Middletown, Ohio, tripled-

NEW YORK, December 22.—With efforts redoubled in an effort to exceed the 3,000,000 membership mark set as a goal for the Atlantic division, Red Cross officials here today announced eleven cities and towns in the division have already passed their quotas in the national membership "drive."

Campaign managers plan to keep working at top speed until December 29—an extension of one week over the data-originally set. It is estimated 1,450,000 new memberships have been obtained in the Atlantic division during the present.

The Lewis gun, the invention of Isaac Lewis of the United States Army, is capable of firing 700 rounds per minute.

Business Men and Heads of Families

The London Daily Mail has begun the publication of an American edition from the offices of its Paris edition. The new edition will be for Americans

in France and will carry special cables and a page of mail news.

-who usually remember faithful employes and members of their households at Christmas with presents of Gold or Silver Coin, can serve their country and help to save the lives of "Our Boys Over There" by giving instead

War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps For Christmas Gifts

-These war stamps are better than cash, for the reason that they increase in value. For example, a War Savings Stamp costing \$4.12 is redeemable at maturity for \$5. Thrift Stamps, 25c each.

> For Sale in Our Liberty Loan Dept. 1505 Penna. Ave., adjoining the Bank

NOTICE TO DRAFT REGISTRANTS

Notaries Public will remain at the bank from 5 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. to accommodate men in the business section who may not be able to make their acknowledgments on the Questionnaires during business hours.

The Riggs National Bank OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

Resources over\$20,000,000